



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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July 30, 2019

Ms. Emma Best

via email: 75437-46472565@requests.muckrock.com

RE: FOIA No. 2019-IGFP-00438

Dear Ms. Best:

This responds to your June 17 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to Records mentioning, describing, or generated as a result of 13 Computer – Theft of Identity investigations conducted by the OIG Office of Investigations (specific case numbers provided). On July 16, we received your follow up correspondence for status of your request. As explained in our July 17 email acknowledging receipt of your request, we could find no record of having received your original request and apologize for the delay.

As our FOIA program continues to evolve, we are encouraging requesters to submit requests, with all attachments, via email at foia@uspsig.gov. Additionally, this speeds up our ability to conduct a search for responsive documents and issue our final determination. This also allows for more accurate searching as we can cut and paste information directly into search fields.

We reviewed the available Closing Memoranda, transmittal letters, and Reports of Investigation associated with the provided case numbers and determined the following:

- 02UIHQ0559S3CT, consisting of 8 pages: One page is appropriate for release without redaction, while the remaining 7 pages are appropriate for release with redactions made under FOIA Exemptions (b)(7)(c) and (b)(7)(e), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(c)¹ and (b)(7)(e)².
- 02UIHQ0639S3CT, consisting of 6 pages: All 6 pages are appropriate for release with redactions made under FOIA Exemptions (b)(3), (b)(7)(c), and (b)(7)(e), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(3)³, (b)(7)(c) and (b)(7)(e).

¹ Exemption (7)(C) permits the withholding of records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties. Lacking an individual's consent or an overriding public interest, third party investigatory records and/or allegations of misconduct must be withheld under Exemption (7)(C). This includes the names of, or identifying statements made by, any persons making allegations against the subject of an OIG investigation. The withheld material consists of third-party interviews which must be protected to provide the confidence necessary to encourage cooperation with law enforcement agencies. None of the information being withheld is appropriate for discretionary disclosure. The names of law enforcement personnel are among the items redacted based on 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C).

² Exemption (7)(E) permits the withholding of records which would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations of prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. In addition, exemption (7)(E) permits the withholding of law enforcement guidelines that pertain to the prosecution or investigative stage of a law enforcement matter, to include law enforcement manuals, policy guidance documents, settlement guidelines, monographs, and emergency plans, as well as other types of law enforcement guidelines.

³ Exemption (b)(3) provides agencies may withhold records exempted from disclosure by another statute that "establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld." Under the

- 05UIMI4153S3IO, consisting of 6 pages: One page is appropriate for release without redaction, while the remaining 5 pages are appropriate for release with redactions made under FOIA Exemptions(b)(3), (b)(7)(c), and (b)(7)(e), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(3), (b)(7)(c) and (b)(7)(e).
- 07UIBH0777CI3MS, consisting of 9 pages: Two pages are appropriate for release without redaction, while the remaining 7 pages are appropriate for release with redactions made under FOIA Exemptions (b)(3), (b)(6), and (b)(7)(c), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(3), (b)(6)⁴, and (b)(7)(c).
- 07UIGR4325CI3MS, consisting of 3 pages: One page is appropriate for release without redaction, while the remaining 2 pages are appropriate for release with redactions made under FOIA Exemption (b)(7)(c), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(c).
- 08UICH4504GC04GC, consisting of 3 pages: All 3 pages are appropriate for release with redactions made under FOIA Exemption (b)(7)(c), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(c).
- 08UIIN7062GC04GC, consisting of 2 pages: Both pages are appropriate for release with redactions made under FOIA Exemptions (b)(7)(c), and (b)(7)(e), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(c) and (b)(7)(e).
- 08UINY3819GC04GC, consisting of 3 pages: All 3 pages are appropriate for release with redactions made under FOIA Exemption (b)(7)(c), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(c).
- 08UIRF3733GC04GC, consisting of 18 pages: Two pages are appropriate for release without redaction, while the remaining 16 pages are appropriate for release with redactions made under FOIA Exemption (b)(7)(c), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(c).
- 08UITA3531GC04GC, consisting of 8 pages: One page is appropriate for release without redaction, while the remaining 7 pages are appropriate for release with redactions made under FOIA Exemptions (b)(6) and (b)(7)(c), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) and (b)(7)(c).
- 09UIBG2958GC04GC, consisting of 20 pages: Two pages are appropriate for release without redaction, while the remaining 18 pages are appropriate for release with redactions made under FOIA Exemptions (b)(3) and (b)(7)(c), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(3) and (b)(7)(c).
- 09UISL0936GC04GC, consisting of 8 pages: One page is appropriate for release without redaction, while the remaining 7 pages are appropriate for release with

Inspector General Act of 1978, an OIG is duty bound to protect information provided by agency employees during an investigation. Public Law 95-452 5 U.S.C. app. 3 § 7(b).

⁴ Exemption (b)(6) pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties. The withheld material includes names, titles, and identifying information of private citizens. This information is not appropriate for discretionary disclosure.

redactions made under FOIA Exemptions (b)(3) and (b)(7)(c), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(3) and (b)(7)(c).

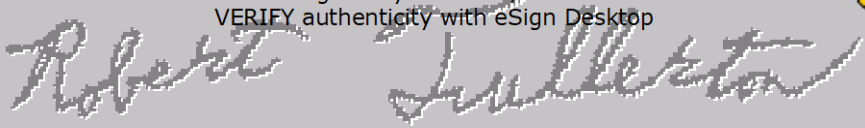
- 09UISL2419GC04GC, consisting of 1 page: This page is appropriate for release with redactions made under FOIA Exemption (b)(7)(c), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(c).

If you have questions regarding the processing of this request, you may contact me at 703-248-2410. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with our action on your FOIA request, you may file an administrative appeal. To do so, write to the attention of Gladis Griffith, Deputy General Counsel, 1735 N. Lynn Street, Arlington, VA 22209-2020, within 90 days of the date of this letter. We accept written appeals via U.S. Mail; e-mail to FOIA@uspsoig.gov; or fax to 703-248-4626. Include the initial request number (e.g., 20XX-IGXX-00XXX) and the date of this letter. Explain what specific action the FOIA Office took that you are appealing. Mark all correspondence "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

E-Signed by Fullerton, Robert
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A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Fullerton". Above the signature, the text "E-Signed by Fullerton, Robert" and "VERIFY authenticity with eSign Desktop" is printed. A small yellow circular icon with a question mark is located in the top right corner of the box.

Robert Fullerton
Manager – FOIA, Policy, and Records